

Frequently Asked Questions

*Driver Education & Behind-the-Wheel Registration
Bremen High School District 228*

- 1) ***Can a student get their learners permit immediately after they successfully complete the classroom portion of driver education?***
No, after you have successfully completed the classroom phase you must sign up for behind-the-wheel (BTW) with District 228, another high school or a private driving school.
- 2) ***How does one register a student for one of the BTW sessions?***
Registration for BTW is moving to an “on-line” format. Information about how to complete the registration process will be provided in various ways including mailed letters, email, District 228 website, Facebook and direct communication by your student’s instructor. Registration will be February 1 - 28, 2019 or as long as seats are available.
- 3) ***What BTW sessions are available for students/families to select?***
Students/families will be afforded the opportunity to identify their preferred month, day and time. Each session will be 4 weeks long (June OR July). Families will be asked to designate other preferences such as time of day (morning or afternoon) and days of the week. Most students will drive on alternating days (i.e. M, W, F, etc).
- 4) ***Can a student register for BTW at any school in District 228?***
Yes, students may complete BTW at any of the four district high schools. Please locate schedule for the current year to identify which two schools will host BTW sessions in June. The remaining two schools will subsequently host the July BTW sessions.
- 5) ***Does District 228 offer the classroom phase in the summer?***
Yes, the classroom phase is offered in the summer at Tinley Park High School. Specific information pertaining to registering for the classroom phase can be obtained by contacting one of the district’s four athletic offices.
- 6) ***Does a student have to wait until their sophomore year in high school to enroll in an approved driver education course?***
No, the State of Illinois has two criteria for enrolling in an approved driver education course: 1) the student must be 15 years of age AND 2) passed a minimum of eight classes in the student’s previous two semesters. Hence, students who have turned 15 may be eligible to enroll in an approved non-District 228 driver education course. Please note, District 228 does not offer driver education opportunities to students UNTIL they have started their sophomore year of high school.
- 7) ***How long do I have to hold my permit before I can get my driver’s license?***
Illinois State Law states you must hold your permit for 9 months from the date of issue. The date of issue is located on the front of the learner’s permit.
- 8) ***I am going on vacation/school/family reunion etc. for a few days during the summer, can I be excused from behind the wheel?***
No, you may not be excused. You must plan to be here during the BTW dates listed. (This includes the only Make-Up Date Class listed.) Illinois State Law requires each

student to be in BTW for these mandated hours. There is only one make-up date and there are NO exceptions for vacations, family reunions, weddings, sickness, deaths, funerals, court dates, etc. If you know you will miss more than one day of BTW in any given session (i.e. June or July) – please do not register. Wait and take BTW at another time or at a private driving school. Please note – there is a **cash only** \$25 fee for any student who needs to utilize the Make-Up date.

9) ***When can I get my license if I do not complete the District 228's BTW phase?***

One must take a six hour adult driver education course to obtain an Illinois driver's license if 1) you are 18, 19 or 20 years old; 2) applying for an Illinois driver's license for the first time; AND 3) you have never completed any type of driver education course in high school or through a commercial driving school. (Public Act 98-167)

Additional questions can be answered when calling the following:

Bremen High School Athletics	708.396.8123
Hillcrest High School Athletics	708.647.4823
Oak Forest High School Athletics	708.342.8323
Tinley Park High School Athletics	708.342.8223